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December Hogs and Pigs

Indiana's total hog and pig inventory on December 1 was estimated at 4.45 million head, up 50,000 head from a year ago according to Marlo Johnson, Regional Director of the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Region. Breeding hog inventory, at 250,000 head, was unchanged from last December. Market hog inventory, at 4.2 million head, was up 1 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the September to November quarter was 11.00, up 0.5 from the same period last year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2020 was 77.5 million head. This was down 1 percent from December 1, 2019, and down 1 percent from September 1, 2020.

Breeding inventory, at 6.28 million head, was down 3 percent from last year, and down 1 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 71.2 million head, was down 1 percent from last year, and down 1 percent from last quarter.

The United State September-November 2020 pig crop, at 35.0 million head, was down 1 percent from 2019. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.16 million head, down 1 percent from 2019. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.05 for the September-November period, compared to 11.09 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 3.12 million sows farrow during the December 2020-February 2021 quarter, up 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period one year earlier, and up 1 percent from the same period two years earlier. Intended farrowings for March-May 2021, at 3.12 million sows, are down 1 percent from the same period one year earlier, and down slightly from the same period two years earlier.

Hog inventory and farrowings: Indiana and United States, December 1, 2020

Hogs and pigs	Indiana			United States		
	2019	2020	Change	2019	2020	Change
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Breeding	250	250	0	6,471	6,276	-3
Market	4,150	4,200	1	71,757	71,226	-1
Under 50 pounds	1,100	1,030	-6	22,048	21,739	-1
50-119 pounds	1,170	1,260	8	20,636	20,260	-2
120-179 pounds	920	860	-7	15,256	15,246	0
180+ pounds	960	1,050	9	13,816	13,980	1
Total	4,400	4,450	1	78,228	77,502	-1
Sows farrowed, Sep-Nov	120	125	4	3,197	3,164	-1
Pigs/litter, Sep-Nov	10.50	11.00	5	11.09	11.05	0
Pig crop, Sep-Nov	1,260	1,375	9	35,459	34,973	-1
Sows farrowing, Dec-Feb ^{1 2}	115	120	4	3,068	3,118	2
Sows farrowing, Mar-May ^{1 2}	125	120	-4	3,149	3,123	-1

¹ Intentions.

² Upcoming year.